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Wittstock Troop Training grounds

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1. During the first half of July 1954, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5545) in Schwerin quartered a rocket launcher unit of about 600 soldiers. After mid-July, the unit transferred to a troop training grounds and only a detail of about 100 soldiers remained. The unit had not returned by 16 August. 1
2. From 2 July to 16 August, a tank unit of about 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia was stationed in the Moltke Kaserne (5543) in Schwerin. The soldiers practiced driving tanks into individual positions but no other special activity was observed. On 9 July, 12 T-34s and 4 SU-100s were parked in the barracks yard.
3. After the entraining operations on 9 July, the Krueger Kaserne (5542) in Schwerin was occupied until early August by artillery units numbering about 1,200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal or motor transport insignia. The units were equipped with 100-mm AT guns and 122-mm field howitzers. They were organized into batteries and made short-term transfers by road. In early August, elements of the AT artillery unit were absent from the post and had not returned by 16 August. On that day, 6 field howitzers and 5 AT guns were seen at the installation. 2
4. In July, two batteries of AAA units and a battalion with 85-mm AA guns of the units in the Fritsch Kaserne (5544) in Schwerin were transferred. They had not returned by 16 August. After the departure of these troops, about 300 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and about 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, were located in the installation up to mid-August. 3
5. Between 1 and 5 August, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne (5541) in Schwerin was occupied by about 2,000 soldiers including some with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or motor transport insignia. During that period, night practices were held almost nightly in the area east of the installation.

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in the northeastern sector of Forst Buchholz. The practices involved troops with light infantry weapons and 6 x 37-mm AA guns. Trucks [redacted] were identified in traffic to the barracks installation.

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6. Between 1 and 5 August, Goerries Fliegerhorst (5546) quartered about 3,000 soldiers. About 2,000 of them appeared to be engineer troops who wore blue-bordered black epaulets including some with engineer insignia, and other soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery or motor transport insignia. The engineer units practiced river crossing on Osterfer lake using about 15 pneumatic rafts and the construction of landing piers. About 20 vehicles, mostly sedans, were parked in the quartering area of the troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks [redacted] and [redacted] were identified at the Kaserne. 4

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7. Between 7 and 13 August, the infantry section of the Flak Kaserne (5641) in Wismar was about 95 percent occupied and the artillery section about 75 percent. Young soldiers with closely cropped hair were seen in the infantry section. Seventy soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying infantry weapons were daily seen leaving this section for the training area on the former Dornier airfield. One of the barracks buildings housed Soviet dependents. On 11 August, the following units left the installation toward the town: 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 6 x 85-mm AT guns, about 20 trucks with field kitchen and 180 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The following motor vehicles were identified in traffic to and from the installation: [redacted]

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8. During the period of observation, the villas north of Highway No 105 were still occupied. Three trucks and 25 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen. 6

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9. Prior to the departure of troops on 26 and 27 July, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5161) in Hagenow was occupied to capacity. On 12 July, 2,400 soldiers, including some with red-bordered black epaulets, gathered in the barracks yard for a speech. On 14 July, 5 trucks [redacted] towing 4 x 120-mm heavy motors drove into the installation. Troops practiced with 4 x 122-mm field howitzers in the training area. Trucks including [redacted] were used for driving practices. 7

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11. In July, the Artillerie Kaserne (5341) in Perleberg was still occupied by a guard unit of about 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 20 July, Colonel Bragin (fnu) was transferred to the USSR. He was succeeded by Colonel Antonin (fnu). Marstaller (fnu) was supply officer. The signal section of about 22 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia was still in charge of the telephone lines in the vicinity of Perleberg and at the Perleberg post.
12. In July, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (5342) in Perleberg was still occupied by the unit of Senior Lieutenant Ampilov (fnu) with supply officer Captain Melnikov (fnu) and by the unit of Major Volkov (fnu) with supply officer Captain Shumelkov (fnu). General Kozikov (fnu) and Lieutenant Colonel Okulov (fnu) were still on furlough. Okulov's deputy was Major Grukodtsev (fnu). Lieutenant Colonel Vasilyev (fnu), Major Babenko (fnu), Major Zashko (fnu) and Captain Polachuk (fnu) from Camp Schweinrich were seen. The three last mentioned officers will allegedly be reassigned to the USSR in October 1954. Komarov (fnu) was still supply officer at the hospital in Perleberg. 9
13. On 24 July, the Artillerie Kaserne (5341) in Perleberg was still occupied by a guard detail of about 50 soldiers. The installation also housed a signal section of 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. The troops were seen driving to a radar set emplaced south of the road to Dergenthin. A new telephone cable was strung from the installation to the emplacement. 9
14. Prior to 16 July, the Alte Kaserne (5321) and Neue Kaserne (5322) in Parchim were occupied only by guard personnel. Most of the soldiers in the Neue Kaserne had closely cropped hair.
15. On 28 July, the Alte Kaserne (5321) in Parchim was only lightly occupied. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. The Neue Kaserne (5322) seemed to be more heavily occupied. Five platoons, each of 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying light infantry weapons moved to the training grounds northwest of the airfield. Trucks [redacted] entered the barracks installation.

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16. Prior to 23 August, the Alte Reiter Kaserne and Neue Reiter Kaserne (5261) in Ludwigslust and Techentin (5262) airfield were only lightly occupied.
17. It was determined that, on 29 July, a column with engineer equipment and several tanks from the direction of Zootzen passed through Dossow on the Dosse River, where bridges were constructed across the river. No troops were seen there on 30 July. During the night of 5 August, large truck and tank columns passed through Zootzen toward Camp Schweinrich.
18. On 16 and 17 August, firing practices were held in the Schweinrich area. The following motor vehicle [] along the approach roads to the camp: 25X1
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1. Comment. It is possible that units of the 10th Gds RL Regt of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps were in Priemerwald near Guestrow where, according to information by several sources, elements of the regiment may be stationed. [] 25X1
2. Comment. It appeared that, upon completion of the firing practices at Rugen Island, the units of the 4th Gds Arty Brig were back at the post in July. A possible exception might be individual batteries which presumably engaged in firing practices on "Die Lewitz". On 7 and 8 August, three shipments which probably included elements of the brigade went to Altenzarbow. This is partially confirmed by the present report. [] 25X1
3. Comment. The Fritsch Kaserne is believed to be occupied by the headquarters and 159th Sig Bn of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and in addition by the 940th AAA Bn of the division. According to previous information, the AAA battalion is equipped only with a medium AA battery. There are various indications, however, that the battalion has been reinforced by medium AAA in the meantime. It is believed that elements of the battalion were at Wustrow firing range up to mid-August. 25X1
4. Comment. The report indicates that the unidentified engineer battalion of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps was at the post in early August. The strength estimates are exaggerated. 25X1
5. Comment. Compared with previous information, no changes in the distribution of troops in Schwerin have taken place. The post quarters corps units, except for the 10th Gds RL Regt, of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps and units of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [] 25X1
6. Comment. Major elements of the 288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt and the 199th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div returned from exercises east of Letzling Heath on 6 August. Thus, the bulk of the two regiments were again located at the post up to 13 August. [] 25X1
- [] . On 11 August, units of the last mentioned regiments are believed to have departed for short-term firing practices. 25X1
7. Comment. The heavy mortars indicate that the howitzer regiment of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div also includes a 160-mm mortar battalion. [] the units of the division which left for exercises in late July returned on 6 August. [] 25X1
8. Comment. [] 25X1
- [] was repeatedly reported by another source as belonging to a unit in Wismar up to August 1953. 25X1
- [] confirms the 283d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Hagenow up to 16 June 1954.

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[] confirms the unidentified howitzer artillery regiment of the division in Hagenow up to July 1954. The 132d Arty Regt mentioned in paragraph 10 1 is probably identical with the afore mentioned regiment. []

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[] belongs to the 25th Gds RL Brig in Rathenow which was previously confirmed up to May 1954.

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The officers mentioned are unknown except for Lieutenant Colonel Gavrilenko (fnu) and Senior Lieutenant Koslov (fnu) who are believed to belong to the regiment.

9. [] Comment. The report indicates that the units of the 18th Mech Div from Perleberg were still at the Wittstock troop training grounds in July. The officers are known. Colonel Antonin (fnu) is the now commander of the 58th Mech Regt after 20 July.

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10. [] Comment. The 18th Mech Div was located at the Wittstock troop training grounds up to mid-August. The motor vehicle [] belong to various units of the division. It appeared that major elements returned from exercises on 5 and 6 August.

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